

# When Satan Attacks The Home

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1 Premise: There is nothing sadder than strife in a family, especially a family that has a  
2 Christian heritage.

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4 Example: From Hagar on, Abraham and his descendants had strife in their families right  
5 through Jacob to the end of Genesis.

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7 Genesis 26:34-35

8 **And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri**  
9 **the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: [35] Which were a grief**  
10 **of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.**

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12 The destruction of Abraham's progeny begins with a mixed marriage - or rather, several  
13 of them, by Isaac and spreads.

- 14  Isaac – once a stalwart believer, has come a carnal man. The “deception of the  
15 gradual” took him down
- 16  Rebekah - who believed the end justifies the means
- 17  Esau - an unsaved son
- 18  Jacob - a believer who was nonetheless unscrupulous

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21 Genesis 27:1-4

22 **And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he**  
23 **could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said**  
24 **unto him, Behold, here am I. [2] And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the**  
25 **day of my death: [3] Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and**  
26 **thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; [4] And make me**  
27 **savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may**  
28 **bless thee before I die.**

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30 We remember Isaac as a young man when Abraham took him to Mount Moriah  
31 (Jerusalem) ostensibly to sacrifice him to God. God intervened with a sheep, caught in a  
32 nearby bush. **ISAAC KNEW THAT THE INHERITANCE WAS TO GO TO HIS**  
33 **YOUNGER SON, JACOB, BY GOD'S DIRECTIVE. BUT ISAAC WANTED THE**  
34 **BLESSING TO GO TO HIS OLDER SON ESAU.** So right away we see veering away  
35 from God's plan in his life.

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37 In verse 2, Isaac lamented that he was approaching his final years on earth. Not true.

1 He was 137 years old and would live another 43 years to die at 180! He wanted to fulfill  
2 his spiritual obligations but he went about it the wrong way:

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- 4  King David was right in wishing to see the sacred Ark of the Covenant safely and  
5 permanently housed in Jerusalem, but he was wrong in putting it on a cart.
- 6  Moses was right in wishing to help his Jewish kinsmen in slavery in Egypt, but he  
7 was wrong in killing a man.
- 8  King Saul was right in wanting to consult God before battling the Philistines, but  
9 he was wrong in resorting to witchcraft.

10 IT IS POSSIBLE TO WANT TO DO SPIRITUAL THINGS, BUT TO GO ABOUT  
11 THEM ALL WRONG. This is the mark of a carnal person.

### 12 13 ISAAC'S CARNALITY

14  
15 Genesis 27:3-4

16 **Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out**  
17 **to the field, and take me some venison; [4] And make me savoury meat, such as I**  
18 **love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.**

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20 To Isaac, spiritual things revolved around the FLESH, what he could SEE, or TOUCH, or  
21 SMELL, TASTE, EAT and ENJOY. Here's is the Apostle Paul's warning:

22 Romans 8:5-8

23 **For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are**  
24 **after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. [6] For to be carnally minded is death; but to**  
25 **be spiritually minded is life and peace. [7] Because the carnal mind is enmity against**  
26 **God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. [8] So then they**  
27 **that are in the flesh cannot please God.**

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29 We see clearly that it was not doing God's EXACT will that thrilled Isaac; it was carnal  
30 and sensual fulfillment that pleased him. And his mother certainly did not help!

### 31 32 REBEKAH

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34 Genesis 27:6-10

35 **And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak**  
36 **unto Esau thy brother, saying, [7] Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat,**  
37 **that I may eat, and bless thee before the Lord before my death. [8] Now therefore,**  
38 **my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. [9] Go now to the**  
39 **flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them**  
40 **savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth: [10] And thou shalt bring it to thy**  
41 **father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.**

1 *Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive!* Rebekah, the  
2 mother and wife in Isaac's home, now tried desperately to fill a void in her life with a  
3 domineering and dishonest scheme.  
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*Alexander Whyte: With all her beauty, and with all her courage, and with all her ambition to be in the covenant line, Rebekah lacked the best thing in a woman, covenant line or no, the womanly sensibility, tenderness, quietness, humility and self submission. Paul says, "and the wife see that she reverence her husband." Yes, but what if she cannot? What if there is so little left that is to be revered? What if a wife wakes up to see that she has yoked herself to a churl, to a boor, to an ignoramus, or to a lazy, idle log, or to a shape of a man whose God is his belly, or his purse, or just his own miserable, small self? Well, she will need to be both a true woman and a true saint if she is to do what is right. Let her determine to be a New Testament wife to him. Let her believe that Jesus said - and still says - "Take up thy cross daily!"*

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7 Do you know that at this point in their marriage Isaac and Rebekah had been married for  
8 **97** years? The fire had long since gone out of this marriage.

- 9  Isaac had earlier attempted to pass off his wife as his sister at Gerar, just as his  
10 father Abraham had done. Isaac was no great shakes of a husband.
- 11  But Rebekah was not the woman Sarah (Abraham's wife) was. She had a hard  
12 time giving Isaac any respect as a husband.
- 13  She began to plan and scheme and manipulate her family and it cost her dearly!  
14 Her own son Jacob would leave home at the end of the day AND SHE WOULD  
15 NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!

### 17 JACOB

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19 Genesis 27:11-29

20 **And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man,**  
21 **and I am a smooth man: [12] My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem**  
22 **to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. [13] And**  
23 **his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go**  
24 **fetch me them. [14] And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and**  
25 **his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved. [15] And Rebekah took**  
26 **goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put**  
27 **them upon Jacob her younger son: [16] And she put the skins of the kids of the goats**  
28 **upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: [17] And she gave the savoury**  
29 **meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.**

1 [18] And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I;  
2 who art thou, my son? [19] And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn;  
3 I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my  
4 venison, that thy soul may bless me. [20] And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that  
5 thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the Lord thy God  
6 brought it to me. [21] And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may  
7 feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not. [22] And Jacob went  
8 near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but  
9 the hands are the hands of Esau. [23] And he discerned him not, because his hands  
10 were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. [24] And he said, Art  
11 thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am. [25] And he said, Bring it near to me,  
12 and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it  
13 near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank. [26] And his  
14 father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. [27] And he came  
15 near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and  
16 said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed:  
17 [28] Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and  
18 plenty of corn and wine: [29] Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee:  
19 be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be  
20 every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

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22 Not too long after leaving home, Jacob “wrestled with an angel” in a place called Peniel  
23 (Genesis 32). Until that moment, he was not a “great man” at all.

- 24  He was a weak and pliable man, easily led into bad situations. He would have fit  
25 well into the “situational ethics” concept, that is, “I know this is wrong for  
26 everyone, but for me it’s OK.”
- 27  Jacob had allowed a relationship to turn him away from God - and it was his own  
28 finagling mother.
- 29  He had more religion on his lips than he had in his heart.

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31 His sin (mainly cheating his brother out of the birthright) caused him:

- 32 1. Loss of peace
- 33 2. Instability
- 34 3. Terrible humiliation - by the end of this chapter he is getting read to flee for his  
35 life.

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37 Jacob fooled his father, but he didn’t fool God! Psalm 139:1-4

38 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

39 O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. [2] Thou knowest my downsitting  
40 and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. [3] Thou compassest my  
41 path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. [4] For there is not a

1 **word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.**

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3 **ESAU**

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5 It wasn't long until Jacob's older brother (twin) heard of Jacob's lies:

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7 Genesis 27:34-38

8 **And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding**  
9 **bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father. [35] And he**  
10 **said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing. [36] And he**  
11 **said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he**  
12 **took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he**  
13 **said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? [37] And Isaac answered and said**  
14 **unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to**  
15 **him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do**  
16 **now unto thee, my son? [38] And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one**  
17 **blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his**  
18 **voice, and wept.**

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20 Listen - Esau was cheated, but he was no winner either. Remember that earlier he had  
21 sold his rightful birthright for a bowl of pottage (chili). Now he learned too late what he  
22 had just pitched away so carelessly.

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| Saturday, April 18, 1874: (Burial in Westminster Abbey of David Livingstone)<br>"In the crowd stood a pathetic beggar. Someone heard him weeping: <i>"We were lads together, Davie and I. We went to school together. We sat together - David and me in the school house. But Davie chose Christ. And I didn't. Now all the world honors him and who cares a halfpence for me?"</i> |
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26 Can you even begin to imagine standing at the Great White Throne when God judges the  
27 losst? All of heaven sings for joy for the redeemed saints of God. But all of heaven  
28 stands silent as the gates of hell open for the sinner.

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30 And now Jacob goes "on the lam," running for his life....Why? For things he had done  
31 to his brother Esau – and for things he did not want to do for God.

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33 Before leaving home, his father Isaac warned him: Genesis 28:1 **And Isaac called**  
34 **Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a**  
35 **wife of the daughters of Canaan.** Why was Isaac so adamant about it? Because  
36 Jacob's twin brother had married two of them - and it didn't work!

1 **Genesis 26:34-35 And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the**  
2 **daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: [35]**  
3 **Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.**

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5 Here's one more scriptural clue: **Genesis 27:46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am**  
6 **weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the**  
7 **daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good**  
8 **shall my life do me?**

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10 Here is what Isaac told his son Esau to do:

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12 **Genesis 28:2-5**

13 **Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take**  
14 **thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. [3] And**  
15 **God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou**  
16 **mayest be a multitude of people; [4] And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee,**  
17 **and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a**  
18 **stranger, which God gave unto Abraham. [5] And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he**  
19 **went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah,**  
20 **Jacob's and Esau's mother.**

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22 Once again Esau was furious with his younger twin:

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24 **Genesis 28:6-9 When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to**  
25 **Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him**  
26 **a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; [7] And**  
27 **that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram; [8] And**  
28 **Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; [9] Then**  
29 **went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the**  
30 **daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.**

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32 You talk about a slow learner!! Meanwhile Jacob ran for his life. He left Beersheba  
33 and made about 40 miles that first day, stopping ten miles north of Jerusalem.

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35 **Genesis 28:10-15**

36 **And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. [11] And he**  
37 **lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and**  
38 **he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that**  
39 **place to sleep. [12] And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the**  
40 **top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending**  
41 **on it. [13] And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of**

1 **Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I**  
2 **give it, and to thy seed; [14] And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou**  
3 **shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south:**  
4 **and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. [15] And,**  
5 **behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will**  
6 **bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which**  
7 **I have spoken to thee of.**

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9 There could well be a “Jacob” listening to this Bible study trying to run away from God.  
10 But God does not give up so easily on you. If He loved you so much He sent His only  
11 begotten Son Jesus to die on the cross for you, you can just count on the fact that He will  
12 pursue you to whatever measure He finds necessary.

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14 Despite his poor beginning, Jacob would have a good future and would found a family  
15 that ended (with Joseph) as the second most powerful family in the world at that time.